THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) The recommendations of the Law Commission regarding Judicial Reforms are contained in its 114th to 129th and 131st Reports. Excepting 124th Report, copies of all other Reports have been laid on the Table of both Houses of Parliament. 124th Report deals with the subject of the High Court Arrears.

(b) to (d) The recommendations of the Law Commission are at various stages of consideration by the Government.

**Cases Registered Under FERA**

2468. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the number of cases which were registered for FERA violation during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): The Enforcement Directorate registered 19,836 cases of *prima facie* violatoin of the provisions of FERA during the last three years. The year-wise break-up of cases is given below:

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| 1986 | . . | 6228 cases |
| 1987 | . . | 7751 cases |
| 1988 | . . | 5857 cases |

State-wise statistics of the cases are not maintained in the Directorate of Enforcement.

**News-item Captioned Italian Firm Let off the Hook'**

2469. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Times of India, New Delhi dated the January 20, 1989 captioned "erring Italian firm let off the hook" and if so, what are the facts thereof; and

(b) whether Government propose to recover Rs. 82.44 lakhs from the firm as indicated by the Audit Wing of the Income-tax department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The facts of the case are as under:

M/s. Ansaldo Impianti is a non-resident company. It filed returns of income/loss for assessment years 1981-82 to 1985-86 with the Income-tax Department. The returns were signed by Shri P. M. Gerini, Chief Technical Co-ordinator of the company. By resolution of the Company dated 10th April, 1980, Shri Gerini was authorised to execute all such deeds and instructions to do all such things which in his opinion are necessary and convenient for carrying on and transacting the operation of the company in India. Shri Gerini was the power of attorney holder of the Company. The power of attorney was duly attested by the Embassy of India.

Under section 140 of the Income-tax Act, *inter alia*, the return should be signed and verified, in the case of a